standard quality of the fire bricks used in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken by Government to overcome the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) VSP Employees' Union have complained to the Management about leakage of steel through ladies, attributing these incidents to the quality of refractory used. The Management has examined and have come to the conclusion that there is no substance in the complaint.

Modernisation of IISCO

331. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any plan for modernisation of IISCO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government are committed to the modernisation of IISCO. Due to fund constraints, private sector participation in the modernisation of IISCO is being explored. In this regard Government have constituted a Committee of Experts to eexplore and make recommendations for private sector participation in the modernisation of IISCO. The Committee is likely to submit its report by November, 1992. A final decision on the matter will be taken after the report is received by the Government.

मेटल स्क्रैप ट्रेड कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड

332. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मेटल स्क्रैप ट्रेड कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के दिल्ली मुख्यालय में अनेक कर्मचारी पिछले पांच वर्षों से रोजाना मस्टर रोल पर काम कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार के कर्मचारियों की वर्तमान संख्या कितनी है, और वे कितने समय से मस्टर रोल पर काम कर रहे हैं और पांच वर्ष की अवधि पूरी हो जाने पर भी उन्हें स्थायी न किये जाने का क्या कारण है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि अनेक कर्मचारियों को दो वर्ष की सेवा के बाद ही स्थायी कर दिया गया है यदि हां, तो ऐसे कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है, तथा पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कितने कर्मचारियों को स्थायी बनाया गया ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) और (ख) मेटल स्क्रैप ट्रेड कारपोरेशन लि० के दिल्ली स्थित कार्यालय में मस्टर रोल पर कोई कर्मचारी नहीं है । तथापि, 3 व्यक्ति मासिक समेकित वेतन पर कार्य कर रहे हैं, जो दिल्ली कार्यालय ट्रान्जीट हाउस में अंशकालिक आधार पर विभिन्न अवधियों में कार्य करते रहे हैं । चूंकि इन कर्मचारियों की सेवायें नियमित रूप से पूर्णकालिक आधार पर आवश्यक नहीं हैं, अतः उनकी सेवाओं को नियमित नहीं किया गया है ।

(ग) हालांकि विगत समय में कुछ अस्थाई कर्मचारियों की सेवाओं को नियमित किया गया था परन्तु जुलाई, 1990 से किसी नैमित्त अथवा दिहाड़ी मजदूर को नियमित स्थायी नहीं किया गया ।

Production of Steel etc. in SAIL plants

333. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly target and actual production of hot metal, ingot steel, saleable steel and saleable pig iron respectively in SAIL plants during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for shortfall and the steps being taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) A Statement showing the monthly targets and actual production of SAIL in respect of Hot Metal, Ingot (Crude) Steel, Saleable Steel and Pig Iron for the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 7].

(b) The major reasons for shortfall in production were the deficiencies in coal and power supplies, both qualitative and quantitative; besides industrail relations problems and deteriorating health and equipment also played a part. Among the corrective steps taken in this connection are the constant interaction with suppliers of idigenous coal and power better management of imports of good coking coal, increased captive power generation, modernisation and better maintenance of plant and equipment and inculcation of better work discipline.

Modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company

334. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an expert committee to short-list various private sector companies for participating in the revival-cum-modernisation of the Indian Iron and Steel Company;

(b) if so, the details of the terms of reference thereof; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have constituted a Committee of Experts on 11.6.1992 to:—

(i) obtain and evaluate offers for participation and to negotiate with the parties, keeping in view the guidelines given by the Government, from time to time;

(ii) recommend the party and the related terms of participation, with prioritisation if necessary; and

(iii) suggest other conditions including financial restructuring, to achieve the stated objective.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its recommendations by November, 1992.

Creation of Hindi Posts in C.P.W.D.

335. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in creating the minimum number of Hindi Posts by various subordinate offices under C.P.W.D. in accordance with the standard norms laid down by the Official Language Department in 1981 and 1989 in this regard;

(b) the details of promotional prospects of employees to such posts and the number of Hindi Officers working in various subordinate offices of CPWD;

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure creation of minimum number of Hindi posts in these offices;

(d) the responsibility fired for delay in creation of Hindi posts violation of norms laid down by the official Language Department; and

(e) the steps taken towards formation of cadre in promotional avenues for such posts in subordinate offices of CPWD despite repeated instruction of Official Language Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) A perposal for creation of posts for Hindi work as per norms has been formolated